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that only those who lie, in point of seniority, in between the Subordinate Judges and District Judges should be selected as District Magistrates."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are not District Magistrates liable to transfer as District Judges either as a routine or in some proportion? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Only those Subordinate Judges who are in the panel of District Judges are appointed as District Magistrates so that when they come to the stage of becoming District Judges they will be automatically promoted provided, of course, there is no particular reason why promotion should be withheld."

Supply of adequate water to the existing ayacuts by increasing the capacity of storage tanks.

* 9 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether, in increasing the capacity of storage tanks, the main purpose is to ensure adequate supply to the existing ayacut;

(b) what steps, if any, are taken to prevent increase in ayacut and thereby ensure adequate supply to the existing ayacut; and

(c) whether the Government are in receipt of representations protesting against the proposed increase in ayacut in respect of certain tanks?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) This is the correct position.

" (b) The Board and the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) have been instructed to see that the registered ayacuts of tanks are not increased unless some experience has been gained of their capacity after they have been repaired or improved. The Government, however, consider that there is no objection to supply being made to new fields, without any guarantee of future supply if the repairs or improvements result in a surplus quantity of water, which can be usefully diverted to new fields.

" (c) No such representations have hitherto been received."

Appointments outside the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission.

* 10 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are departments of Government for which even initial recruitment is outside the purview of the Public Service Commission and if so, what those departments are;

(b) what the overriding considerations are to keep them outside the purview of the Public Service Commission;

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(c) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of transferring recruitment to all departments to the Public Service Commission; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the strength of the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (a) It is presumed that the information sought is not merely regarding the departments but also in regard to individual posts or the categories of posts, recruitment to which has been excluded from the Commission's purview. Attention is invited to the list of such posts given in Annexure I to the Madras Public Service Commission Regulations, 1937 at pages 11 to 13 of the Madras Services Manual, Volume I. Besides these posts, the administrative departments of Government concerned have also excluded some posts from the Commission's purview with its concurrence under Regulation 18 (b) of the Commission's Regulations. The Manual is available for reference at the Library of the Madras Legislature and also at the Secretariat Library.

" (b) The principles generally observed in excluding posts from the Commission's purview are—

(1) that the posts are unimportant and the holders thereof will not normally be promoted to the Provincial Services; and

(2) that the posts are isolated or of a special or technical nature.

" (c) The power to exclude posts from the Commission's purview is exercised very sparingly and for special reasons and whenever the excluded posts assume importance or there is change in their nature, the question of bringing them within the Commission's purview is duly considered. Such a survey was recently conducted as a result of which some posts which were outside the Commission's purview were brought within its purview.

" (d) The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the information, Sir, regarding the review made of posts that have been brought within the purview of the Service Commission also available in the volume referred to by the Hon. the Minister for Law? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not think that is available in the volume. If a separate question is put I shall supply the information."

Austerity measures to conserve the meagre food supplies.

* 11 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) what austerity measures are being enforced in order to conserve the meagre food supplies available;